

**What Is Claimed Is:**

1. A product that provides a test executive program for controlling a test on a device, said product comprising:

instructions for directing a processing unit to:

5 receive a selected one of a plurality of alternative specifications for assessing a datapoint generated by a test, and

apply said selected specification to said datapoint generated by said test; and

a media readable by said processing unit that stores said instructions.

10 2. The product of claim 1 wherein said instructions further comprise instructions for directing said processing unit to:

receive a request for a display of said plurality of specifications available,

determine said plurality of specifications available, and

display said plurality of specifications.

15 3. The product of claim 2 wherein said request comprises the selection of an option of a displayed menu.

4. The product of claim 2 wherein said plurality of specifications available is displayed on a menu.

20 5. The product of claim 4 wherein said received selected specification is received as a choice from said menu of said plurality of specifications available.

6. The product of claim 2 wherein said instructions for determining said plurality of specifications available comprises instructions for directing said processing unit to determine said device being tested.

25 7. The product of claim 2 wherein said instructions for determining said plurality of specifications available comprises instructions for directing said processing unit to determine said test being applied to said device.

8. A method for providing a test executive program that controls a test applied to a device comprising the steps of:

30 receiving a selected one of a plurality of alternative specifications for assessing a datapoint generated by a test; and

applying said selected specification to said datapoint generated by said test.

9. The method of claim 8 further comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for a display of said plurality of specifications available,

determining said plurality of specifications available, and displaying said plurality of specifications.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein said request is a selection of an option of a displayed menu.

5 11. The method of claim 9 wherein said plurality of specifications available is displayed on a menu.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein said step of receiving selected specification is received as a choice from said menu of said plurality of specifications available.

10 13. The method of claim 9 wherein said step of determining said plurality of specifications available comprises the step of determining said device being tested.

14. The method of claim 9 wherein said step for determining said plurality of specifications available comprises the step of determining said test being applied to said device.

15 15. The method of claim 9 further comprising the step of updating a display of said results compared to said selected specification.

16. An electronic test system comprising:

20 a storing medium storing a test to be performed on a product other than said test system, a plurality of test datapoints resulting from said test, and a plurality of sets of alternative specifications for accessing said datapoints;

an input device for selecting one of said sets of alternative specifications;

a processor responsive to said input device for receiving said set of specifications and comparing them with said datapoints; and

25 an output device for presenting the results of said comparison.

17. An electronic test system as in claim 16 wherein said input device comprises a menu on a display and a manual device for selecting an item on said menu.

30 18. An electronic test system as in claim 16 wherein said output device comprises a display.

19. An electronic test system as in claim 16 wherein said storing medium comprises an electronic memory.

20. An electronic test system as in claim 16 wherein said stored test

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includes an operational test and an environmental test.

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